

Interpretive Programs And Other Park Events!

Indiana Dunes State Park

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March Nature Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT

Daily

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All programs are free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Our interpretive programs are designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages. Children under 12, please bring a parent with you.

Saturday March 1

10am In Like a Lion or Lamb Walk! Take a stroll with the park naturalist as we search for signs of spring on this 45-minute easy stroll. Will March come in like a lion or lamb? Join us at the Nature Center to find out! Join us! BB

2pm Winged Migration! Join us in the Nature Center auditorium for this amazing 90 minute documentary that won the academy award for best documentary. Fly right along side the birds! Seating first come, first serve. BB

Sunday March 2

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get great close up views of chickadees, cardinals, and woodpeckers! Great fun for the kids. DG

2pm Skunk Cabbage Search. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for an investigative search for the first wildflower of the year... the skunk cabbage! Get stinky with us on this 45-minute easy stroll! DG

Saturday March 8

10am Changing Dunes. Join a naturalist on a 45 min. hike through the dunes and discover how the dunes change over time. Meet at the Nature Center for this moderate hike to Mt. Tom and back. DG.

2pm Maple Syrup Time. Learn the process of making maple syrup from scratch. Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium for this 30 minute interactive talk. DG

Sunday March 9

Daylight Savings Begins Today

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get great close up views of chickadees, cardinals, and woodpeckers! Great fun for the kids. BB

2pm Whooo... Goes There! You do... during this fun interactive program meeting in the Nature Center Auditorium. Learn about the owls that call Indiana Dunes home, then explore a real owl pellet up close! Great family fun! BB

Saturday March 15

10am Spring Stroll! With spring less than a week away, join the naturalist for an easy stroll through the dune woodlands in search of signs of spring! Meet at the Nature Center for this 1 hour stroll. BB

2pm Shipwreck Stories! Imagine going down in the icy cold waters of Lake Michigan! Not so hard to imagine if you were the crew of the J.D.Marshall. Join the Naturalist in the Nature Center Auditorium for a look at the dunes' shipwreck stories. BB

Sunday March 16

9:30am Breakfast with the Irish Birds. Join us for some free coffee and donuts as we discuss the newly arrived spring birds. Meet in the Nature Center bird observation room. Short, optional hike afterwards for those that are interested. BB

2pm Leprechaun Hunt! Help a naturalist use his GPS unit to find leprechauns and their gold. Meet in front of the Nature Center for a 45 minute hunt. Great family fun and prizes for the kids! DG

Saturday March 22

10am Scatology! Learn to ID an animal without seeing them. Animals not only leave tracks but also leave scat. Meet in the Nature Center auditorium for this fun look at what animals leave behind! Prizes for those that know their scat! DG

2pm Just a Few Furs. Examine animal skulls and furs and help us explore how the Indiana Dunes' mammals tough out the winter. Meet in the (heated) Nature Center Auditorium. Join us! DG

Sunday March 23

Happy Easter!

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get great close up views of chickadees, cardinals, and woodpeckers! Great fun for the kids. DG

2pm Bunny Hunt! Join the Naturalist in search of rabbits, bunnies, and hares this morning! Meet at the Nature Center for an investigative look at the rabbits, rodents, and other animals that call Indiana Dunes home. Join us! DG

Saturday March 29

10am Wildflower Hike. Join a naturalist on a 90 min. hike through the park in search of spring wildflowers. Meet at the Nature Center. DG

2pm Fire on the Prairie! Bring out your inner pyro-maniac in this exciting hour at the Nature Center. Learn how prescribed fire is used to help our habitats, and then help the naturalist start a fire! Kids under 12, please bring a parent. Join us! BB DG

7pm Frogs in Love! Meet the Naturalist for an evening stomp in the swamp for our frogs in love! Join us at the Nature Center for a short look at the frogs of Indiana Dunes, and then we'll take a short stroll in search of them. Bring flashlights and waterproof boots if you have them. Great family fun! BB

Sunday March 30

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get up close encounters with cardinals, chickadees and more! BB

2pm Vernal Ponds. Come discover what we have growing in our vernal ponds. Learn the difference between vernal and permanent ponds in this 45-minute stroll. Meet at the Nature Center. DG



Friends of Indiana Dunes Native Plant Sale

Kick of spring with us on April 5th!

Mark your calendars today and plan on joining us for this great, busy day of plant sales! For more information, call the Nature Center at 219-926-1390.